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WE ARE MOST ANXIOUS TO BEGIN LARGE SCALE MOVEMENTS OF THE REFUGEES IN HONG KONG AS ANNOUNCED IN THE REF. CABLE AND WE FEEL STRONGLY THAT FURTHER DELAY IN THE RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION TO MOVE THESE PEOPLE WHOM WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ANYWAY CAN ONLY RESULT IN THE IMPRESSION THAT THE US IS RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT ANY MORE VIETNAM REFUGEES. TO TRY TO STEM THE RAPIDLY DECLINING MORALE IN THE CAMPS HERE AND TO DEMONSTRATE A POSITIVE APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM, I WENT (AFTER DISCUSSION WITH BAUMGARDNER OF IATF) ON PUBLIC RECORD (6/24/75) AND STATED THAT IT IS OUR INTENTION TO MOVE LARGE NUMBERS OF REFUGEES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. THE BRITISH AUTHORITIES ARE INCREASINGLY CONCERNED WITH MORALE AND SECURITY IN THE CAMPS AND THE GOVERNOR HAS PERSONALLY RAISED THE QUESTION OF THE US MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES WITH ME ON JULY 14 AS DID THE SECRETARY OF SECURITY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE BRITISH EMBASSY MAY DISCUSS MATTER WITH IATF. IF THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE PIPELINE IS STILL CLOGGED WE HOPE THUT THE TASK FORCE MAY BE ABLE TO RESOLVE IT BY OPENING ANOTHER CAMP IF THE FLOWTHROUGH CANNOT BE ACCELERATED. AT ANY RATE WE MUST HAVE SOMETHING ENCOURAGING TO USE WITH THE BRITISH AND THE REFUGEES THEMSELVES VERY SOON.

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